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IN THE MATTER OF:

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RESPONSE

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS

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This is in response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 16, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for responding to the Notice until October 16, 2005.

All necessary fees corresponding to this application should be deducted from Deposit Account Number 01-1944.

In the Notice, it is stated that the amendment filed on August 5, 2005 by the former attorneys of record is non-compliant for several reasons including the fact that a complete listing of all of the claims was not present. This is incorrect as the amendment dated August 5, 2005 lists claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 which is exactly what was filed with the original application on September 19, 2003.

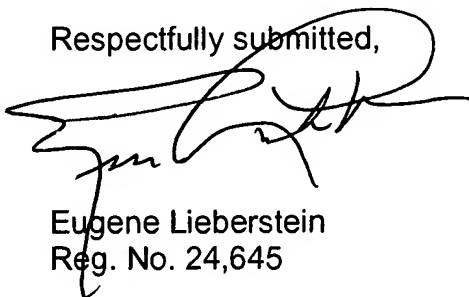
The Notice also states that the listing of claims does not include the text of all the pending claims and this is also incorrect as the text for each of claims 2 through 6 was submitted in the amendment. The text for claim 1 was not submitted based upon the fact that claim 1 was cancelled pursuant to the amendment and therefore its text is not required.

Further, the Notice states that each claim has not been provided with the correct status identifier. This too is incorrect in that claim 1 has been cancelled and is labeled "cancelled". Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 were amended and are correctly labeled "currently amended" and claim 4 is shown in its original form and is labeled "original".

Finally the Notice states that claim 2 has been presented twice. This is correct. Accordingly, applicant has submitted herewith a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with each claim being presented only once.

Accordingly, applicant now believes all claims to be in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 and therefore respectfully requests the application to proceed to prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

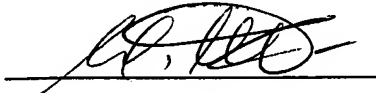


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Date: Oct. 7th, 2005